

CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Military Activity in Frankfurt/Oder and in the Area of the Jueterbog-
Luckenwalde Troop Training Grounds

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]DATE PREPARED 10 March 1955REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. During the period from 11 to 19 February 1955, the kasernes in Frankfurt/Oder were occupied as follows:

- a. Artillerie Kaserne (4442): Approximately 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No weapons were seen.
- b. Buelow Kaserne (4441): Approximately 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Twelve 57-mm AT guns with 12 trucks, 1 JSU-152 and 2 x 37-mm AA guns were seen.
- c. Eichhorn Kaserne (4446): Approximately 350 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. No heavy weapons were observed.
- d. Hindenburg Kaserne (4443): Approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. One T-34 [REDACTED] was observed.
- e. Horn Kaserne (4445): Approximately 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] were observed.

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The northeastern section of the installation seemed to have served other purposes. No training activity has been observed there for some time. The garages were no longer occupied by tanks. The tanks were quartered in the rear section of the installation. The cantonment seemed to be more heavily occupied and used as EM quarters than was observed previously.

- f. Ziethen Kaserne (4444): Approximately 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops engaged in field training without weapons including range estimation, target reconnaissance, and estimate of terrain. Other soldiers worked at the armory.

2. During the nights from 14 to 19 February 1955, night practices were apparently held in the area of Rosengarten. Between 2300 and 0200 rifle fire and the noise of tank engines was heard. On 17 and 18 February, a

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searchlight was in operation. No aircraft engines were heard however.

3. During the nights of 12 and 13 February, artillery fire was again heard from the direction of Fuerstenwalde.

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5. During the period from 8 to 19 February 1955, Frankfurt/Oder post was occupied as follows:

- a. The Artillerie Kaserne (4442) has again been occupied to capacity since 17 February by about 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On the morning of 16 February, about 30 trucks were lined up in the yard. On 17 February, a column of 14 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns arrived at the kaserne from the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. Each truck carried 10 to 15 soldiers. Two trucks towed field kitchens and 4 trucks were loaded with billeting equipment. Trucks

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and sedan were seen at the kaserne.

- b. The Buelow Kaserne (4441) quartered about 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Four T-34/85s, 6 BA-64s, and 8 x 85-mm AT guns were seen at the installation. Trucks

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and ambulance were also seen there.

6. After 15 February 1955, several rail shipments passed through Jueterbog toward Berlin. The AA units concentrated in the Jueterbog-North area started entraining during the night of 16 February. At about 2300 on 16 February, approximately 30 light and medium AA guns moved to the military railroad station in Jueterbog. A total of about 60 vehicles were parked in the railroad area.²

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7. During the period from 14 to 20 February 1955, the Jueterbog training grounds was placed off limits. Exercises with heavy weapons were held. On 15 and 16 February soldiers practiced firing with light AA guns and artillery. At about 1600 on 19 February, firing with 6 M-13 rocket launchers was conducted. About 30 trucks and 3 half-track prime movers were observed.

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8. Camp Forst Zinna (3207) still quartered approximately 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia or with no insignia at all. Three JS-2s were observed at the camp.

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9. The following observations were made in Luckenwalde from 14 to 20 February 1955:

a. The former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik (3322) still quartered approximately 400 to 500 soldiers. Sentries and EM were red-bordered black epaulets. There was unusually intensive traffic of officer personnel.⁶

b. Stalag I (3321) still quartered about 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia. At about 1530 on 19 February, 12 trucks flying red flags and apparently carrying ammunition boxes drove from the installation toward the training grounds.

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_____ and bus _____ entered or left the camp.

c. Stalag II quartered about 400 to 500 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal or artillery insignia. On 14, 17 and 19 February 1955, groups of about 200 soldiers each engaged in infantry training with and without small arms. Trucks _____ entered or left the installation.⁷

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10. On 17 February, the following rail shipments went from Fuerstenwalde to Jueterbog:

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3 boxcars, 14 converted boxcars and 32 flatcars with sideracks to Forst Zinna

4 boxcars, 11 converted boxcars and 34 flatcars with sideracks to Jueterbog-Altes Lager

1 boxcar, 6 converted boxcars and 29 flatcars with sideracks to Jueterbog-Altes Lager.⁸

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1. Comment. [redacted] the 7th Gds Mecz Div and 32d AAA Div in their barracks installations in Frankfurt/Oder. The return of elements of the 32d AAA Div from firing exercises was confirmed [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (See [redacted] Comment 2) 25X1
[redacted] The quartering changes in the Horn Kaserne (4445) have not yet been clarified. The searchlight employed during the night practices in the area of Rosengarten was presumably used for the reconnaissance of ground targets. The artillery fire heard from the direction of Fuerstenwalde is believed to have come from the new firing range in the Briesen area.
2. Comment. See [redacted] Comment 1 on the return of elements of the 32d AAA Div. It is assumed that elements of other AAA units were also entrained after completion of the firing exercises. 25X1
3. Comment. Continuous firing practices and exercises with heavy weapons were previously observed in Jueterbog. The rocket launchers probably belong to the 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army from Luckenwalde. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] presence of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army. It is assumed that units of this brigade which is stationed in Jueterbog were also involved in the firing exercises observed during the period of observation. 25X1
4. Comment. The information indicates no changes. 25X1
5. Comment. Most of the motor vehicle [redacted] in the Werder-Markendorf area belong to army troops and to the Third Gds Mecz Army. 25X1
6. Comment. There were no changes in the strength of troops and traffic of personnel. It is therefore believed that courses of instruction for the Third Gds Mecz Army are still being held at the installation. 25X1
7. Comment. There were apparently no changes in Stalags I and II in Luckenwalde. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] elements of the 91st Gds RL Regt are also stationed in Stalag II. 25X1
8. Comment. The troops observed possibly were units of the 63d AAA Div which were transferred to Jueterbog for firing practices. [redacted] 25X1
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